GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS & T Dept., – Diversion of 22.36 ha. of forest land (16.20 ha in Sri Satya Sai division and 6.16 ha in YSR (T) division) for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing two lane road to four lane road from Km 0/00 to 60/000 of Muddanur – Pulivendula – Hindupur road of NH-716G and B) Widening and Reconstruction of existing 2 lane road to 4 lane from Km 56+400 to Km 120+300 (i.e. B.Kothapalli junction to Gorantla)(excluding Kadiri Bypass from Km 70+200 to Km 77+105) of NH-716G in the State of Andhra Pradesh on EPC Mode – Permission accorded – Orders –Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 66 **Dated: 04-11-2025**
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/2/2024-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 20.02.2024.
2. Govt.Letter No. 446/Sec.II/2024/2365463, Dated.23.08.2024
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Online proposal no.FP/AP/ROAD/445922/2023 dated 15.01.2025.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/2/2024-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated 28.06.2025
5. Govt. Letter No.446/Sec.II/2024/2365463, dated 08.07.2025.
6. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Online proposal no.FP/AP/ROAD/445922/2023, dated 28.10.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for Diversion of 22.36 ha. of forest land (16.20 ha in Sri Satya Sai division (12.15 ha in Compartment No.129, 130 & 131 of Nigidi RF, Kuntalaplli Beat, Kadiri Range and 4.05 ha. in Compartment No.172, 173 & 177 of Dorigallu RF, Dorigallu East Beat, Kadiri Range) and 6.16 ha in YSR (T) division (0.93 ha in Compartment No.47 of Dirigallu RF, Dorigallu East Beat, Muddanur Range and 5.23 ha. in Sy.No.1158 & 1162, Mallela Village, Muddanur Range (Revenue Forest)] in favour of Superintending Engineer, PW department, Ananthapuramu for rehabilitation & up-gradation of existing two lane road to four lane road from Km 0/00 to 60/000 of Muddanur – Pulivendula – Hindupur road of NH-716G and Widening and Reconstruction of existing 2 lane road to 4 lane from Km 56+400 to Km 120+300 (i.e. B.Kothapalli junction to Gorantla)(excluding Kadiri Bypass from Km 70+200 to Km 77+105) of NH-716G in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for in-principle approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 22.36 ha. of forest land (16.20 ha in Sri Satya Sai Division and 6.16 ha. in YSR (T) Division) for rehabilitation & up-gradation of existing two lane road to four lane road from Km 0/00 to 60/000 of Muddanur – Pulivendula – Hindupur road of NH-716G and Widening and Reconstruction of existing 2 lane road to 4 lane from Km 56+400 to Km 120+300 (i.e. B.Kothapalli junction to Gorantla)(excluding Kadiri Bypass from Km 70+200 to Km 77+105) of NH-716G in the State of Andhra Pradesh on EPC Mode in favour of Superintending Engineer, PW Department, Ananthapuram and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the prescribed time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, has granted final approval under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 22.36 ha. of forest land (16.20 ha in Sri Satya Sai Division and 6.16 ha. in YSR (T) Division) for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing 6.16 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Public Works Department for YSR Kadapa, Sri Satya Sai in Forest Division, District SRI SATYA SAI, AP subject to fulfilment of conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 22.36 ha. of forest land (16.20 ha in Sri Satya Sai Division and 6.16 ha. in YSR (T) Division) for rehabilitation and up-gradation of existing 6.16 ha forest land under section 2 of the Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 infavour of M/s Public Works Department for YSR Kadapa, Sri Satya Sai in Forest Division, District SRI SATYA SAI, AP subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions:**

S.No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
1.3	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land

1.4	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.5	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.6	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.7	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.8	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.9	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.10	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.11	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.12	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 22.36 ha.
1.13	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.14	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.15	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.16	The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the scheduled tribes and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Acts 2006, before issue of working permission and diversion as case may be.
1.17	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.18	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
1.19	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard conditions

S.No	Conditions
2.1	Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.

2.2	The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals
2.3	The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
2.4	The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.

3. Specific Conditions

S.No	Conditions
3.1	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
3.2	The non-forest land identified over an extent of 28.75 ha, ie. 6.29 ha in Sy.No.662, Pennaperur village, Vontimitta Mandal, YSR District, 10.68 ha in Sy No.913-3 of Siddaramapuram Village of Bukkapatnam Mandal and 11.78 ha in Sy No.182 of Gaginepalli Village of Chennekothapalle Mandal of Sri Sathya Sai District for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department.
3.3	The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as Protected Forests under section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act, before handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Government. The Nodal Officer, after notification of such non-forest lands, shall upload a copy of said notification on the PARIVESH portal.
3.4	The cost of raising and maintaining compensatory afforestation in the identified non forest land as well as degraded forest land identified over an extent of 3.03 ha. in Compartment No.450 of Chintarajupalle Beat, Vontimitta Range of YSR Division and 23.22 ha. in Compartment No. 472 of Vontimitta RF shall be realized from the User Agency as per the approved CA scheme.
3.5	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of two years from the date of issue of order of diversion of the corresponding forest land.
3.6	The State Forest Department shall take up avenue plantation of 2 rows on both sides of the road at the cost of User Agency.
3.7	The number and design of underpasses other structures in the Wildlife mitigation plan shall be as prescribed in the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide O.M.F.No. 13-1/2019-PE dated 12th February 2021 on Preventive Measures on death of wild animals due to linear infrastructure / safe passage of wild animals “Eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of Linear Infrastructure on wild life" by Wildlife Institute of India and the same shall be approved by Chief Wildlife Warden. The cost of implementing the wildlife mitigation plan shall be realized from the User Agency.

3.8	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
3.9	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and the CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
3.10	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
3. M/s Public Works Department for YSR Kadapa, Sri Satya Sai in Forest Division, district Sri Sathya Sai, Andhra Pradesh.
4.SC/SF (Computer No. 2365463)

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SECTION OFFICER